SYNOPOSIS

THE SPACE RACE FROM INTERNATIONAL GEOPHYSICAL YEAR (IGY) TO GEMINI 12

The action of the world with the advent of the USSR Sputnik launch into orbit became changed forever. As the "cold" war continued between the USSR and the United States starting the race to the moon, there was an intense interest to be the winner.
This exhibit shows some of the exciting launches from the International Geophysical Year (IGY) thru Gemini 12 launch. Autographs of Yuri Gagarin, Alan Shepard, Gus Grissom, John Glenn, Valentina Tereshkova, Wally Schirra and others. Information on the early US flights of Explorer 1, a piece of "Mylar" from the gantry, ECHO 1, RANGER 1&2, TELSTAR 1, MARINER 4, RELAY, SYNCOM, EARLY BIRD (COMSAT) along with the first Mailgram from the United States Postal Service.
Covers for the first Chimpanzees ENOS, Little Joe, and Bonnie. Photographs of "hand prints" of Alan Shepard and John Glenn from Memorial statue in Titusville, Florida. launch and recovery covers from the Atlantic & Pacific oceans. Finally a dedication cover for the Challenger STS-51 flight.

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